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MINUTES

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BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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Commissioner Busbice asked about a citation, Obtain License or Engage in Activity During Revocation. Major LaCaze noted this was someone that failed to pay a fine to the Department or because the court has revoked their hunting privileges. Commissioner Busbice asked if these have occurred before or was this a first? Major LaCaze explained a revocation list is distributed to the agents monthly. Commissioner Stone asked if the trespass law reads that written permission was needed to be on private land if you are not the landowner. Major LaCaze stated, during the legislative process, the bill was amended to read now as implied permission was

needed to be on the property. Finally Major LaCaze announced a sentencing was held in Federal Court for one of the most notorious outlaws in the commercial seafood industry for theft from private oyster leases and being a very intimidating person. Federal Lacy Act violations were handed down to this person and his sentencing resulted in 51 months prison followed by 3 years of supervised probation, restitution to the victims, undergo psychiatric treatments and being barred forever from involvement in the seafood industry. Commissioner Stone asked if someone calls the Department on a trespass problem, is it the Department's venue now? Major LaCaze stated the Enforcement Division's policy states that if they come across someone trespassing, they would check them for wildlife regulations and notify the landowner a person was on their land.

Public Comment - 2004 Turkey Season and none were heard. Chairman Denmon asked when would the turkey rule be ratified? Mr. Prickett answered November.

Mr. Thomas Gresham handled the **National Hunting & Fishing Day Proclamation**. This Proclamation would declare September 27, 2003 as Louisiana's Hunting and Fishing Day. He then read the Therefore portion of the Resolution. Hearing no questions or comments, Commissioner Kelly made a motion to accept the Proclamation. Commissioner Felterman seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Mr. Gresham reminded the Commission that events would be held throughout the State and all were invited to participate.

(The full text of the Proclamation is made a part of the record.)

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

WHEREAS, Louisianians are blessed with an abundance and diversity of game, fish, and seafood that hunters, fishers and commercial industries have long appreciated and recognized the need to conserve; and

WHEREAS, revenues raised by sportsmen and commercial industries have successfully returned some animal species that faced extinction or were threatened or endangered by environmental conditions often imposed by people to healthy populations; and

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WHEREAS, Louisiana residents have spent an estimated \$61.3 million on fishing and hunting licenses during the last three years; and

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THEREFORE I, Terry D. Denmon, Chairman of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, State of Louisiana, on the 4th day of September 2003, hereby proclaim

SEPTEMBER 27, 2003

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LOUISIANA'S HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

throughout the state of Louisiana in recognition of the economic contributions of the hunting and fishing industry and in acknowledgment of the sport enjoyed by so many of our citizens.

Terry D. Denmon, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

Reconsideration of Notice of Intent - Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program began with Chairman Denmon stating Mr. Don Puckett advised he had legal concerns over the Notice of Intent adopted at the last meeting. Mr. Puckett recommended rescinding and withdrawing that proposal and begin the process anew. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to rescind the August Crab Trap Notice of Intent and it was seconded by Commissioner Sagrera. Commissioner Sagrera asked Mrs. Karen Foote if the Commission would have the

option to designate which are can be opened? Mrs. Foote answered yes. Commissioner Sagrera then asked what would be the deadline for the new proposal. Mrs. Foote stated there was a quick need to publish in the State Register so comment could be received prior to the February season. The motion passed with no opposition.

Mrs. Foote then recommended a February-March closure in the Pointe-aux-Chenes area and a spring shrimp closure in the Vermilion Bay area north of Marsh Island. One change by Enforcement from the previous Notice of Intent was on who can possess the abandoned non-serviceable crab traps. Mrs. Foote then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Chairman Denmon then asked about the displayed maps. Mr. Marty Bourgeois showed the different sites to be closed on the maps. Commissioner Stone asked if the proposal was to close the eastern or western portion of Vermilion Bay. Mrs. Foote noted this was the eastern area as originally presented. Commissioner Sagrera asked if the proposal would switch each year. Mrs. Foote expressed their hope to gain experience for this first year, but felt the area of closure may move as time goes on. Chairman Denmon felt it was important to get started with the program. Commissioner Sagrera stated the comments he has received were the shrimpers would prefer the western part of Vermilion Bay be closed. He suggested closing the western portion for the first year and then reversing. Commissioner Kelly stated he has received the same comments and felt you would end up with a mixture of crabbers and shrimpers working the same area. Commissioner Stone asked if the shrimpers understood the area would move around? Commissioner Sagrera explained this closure was more of an acceptance and support from the shrimpers. Mrs. Foote stated both areas of Vermilion Bay have crab trap problems. She then provided copies of a new Notice of Intent that would close the western portion of Vermilion Bay. Chairman Denmon asked if the Resolution was passed, would there be a need for a new proposal next year. Mrs. Foote stated seasons are set annually and since this was a season, staff would be back in July or August 2004 to explain how the season went and to present another proposal for the 2005 season. Commissioner Stone suggested this would be a pilot program. Mrs. Foote agreed. Commissioner Sagrera asked if the spring closure was to allow for more shrimpers and less traps in the area? Mrs. Foote stated the closure was to use the shrimpers efforts to pick up the traps. Commissioner Felterman hoped the crabbers would remove their traps from the area. Commissioner Sagrera made a motion to go with the second Notice of Intent that would close the western portion of Vermilion Bay for the spring season. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

ABANDONED CRAB TRAP REMOVAL PROGRAM

September 4, 2003

WHEREAS, Act 48 (R.S. 56:332) of the 2003 Regular Legislative Session authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a program for the removal of abandoned crab traps from state-owned lake and river beds and other water bottoms of the state, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:332 authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to provide for a prohibition on the use of crab traps and for the removal of abandoned traps and their disposal, and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall specify the beginning and ending dates for the prohibition on the use of crab traps, shall specify the geographical area within which the use of crab traps shall be prohibited and shall specify who is authorized to remove the abandoned traps, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt a notice of intent to implement a rule for an abandoned crab trap removal program and for crab trap closures which is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent which describes the abandoned crab trap removal program which will become effective upon promulgation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to designate the disposal locations for abandoned crab traps.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.367, which provides for an abandoned crab trap removal program. Authority to establish these regulations is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:332(M). Said rule is attached and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§367. Removal of Abandoned Crab Traps

A. The use of crab traps shall be prohibited for a 16-day period from 6:00 a.m., February 28, 2004 through 6:00 a.m., March 14, 2004 within that portion of Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes as described below:

From a point originating from the southern boundary of the Pointe-aux-Chenes Wildlife Management Area at the South Lafourche Hurricane Protection Levee, thence west along the southern boundary of the Pointe-aux-Chenes Wildlife Management Area to the Humble Canal, thence west along the northern shoreline of Humble Canal to its intersection with Bayou Terrebonne, thence south along the western shoreline of Bayou Terrebonne to its intersection with Bush Canal, thence west along the northern shoreline of Bush Canal to its intersection with Bayou Little Caillou, thence north along the eastern shoreline of Bayou Little Caillou to the Gulf South/South Coast Natural Gas Pipeline in Chauvin, thence northwest along the Gulf South/South Coast Natural Gas Pipeline to LA Highway 57, thence south and then southeast along LA Highway 57 to its intersection with LA Highway 56, thence south along LA Highway 56 to Latitude 29°17'00" N, thence east along Latitude 29°17'00" N to LA Highway 1, thence north along LA Highway 1 to the South Lafourche Hurricane Protection Levee, thence north along the South Lafourche Hurricane Protection Levee and terminating at the southern boundary of the Pointe-aux-Chenes Wildlife Management Area.

B. The use of crab traps shall be prohibited in a portion of Vermilion Bay as described later for a 14-day period beginning at 6:00 a.m. five days prior to the opening of the 2004 Spring inshore shrimp season in Vermilion Bay and ending at 6:00 a.m. nine days following the opening of the 2004 Spring inshore shrimp season in

Vermilion Bay. In the event that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission approves opening the 2004 Spring inshore shrimp season in Vermilion Bay before a five-day minimum notice can be provided for the crab trap closure, then the use of crab traps shall be prohibited for a nine-day period beginning at 6:00 a.m. on the opening of the 2004 Spring inshore shrimp season in Vermilion Bay and ending at 6:00 a.m. nine days following the opening of the 2004 Spring inshore shrimp season in Vermilion Bay as described below:

From a point originating from the intersection of the Acadiana Navigational Channel and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, thence southwest along the Acadiana Navigational Channel red buoy line to the red navigational marker number 12 on the Marsh Island shoreline near Southwest Pass, thence south along the eastern shore of Southwest Pass to a position which intersects the inside/outside shrimp line as defined in R.S. 56:495, thence west along the inside/outside shrimp line to the western shore of Freshwater Bayou, thence north along the western shore of Freshwater Bayou to its intersection with the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, thence east along the northern shore of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway to the intersection of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and the eastern shore of the Acadiana Navigational Channel.

C. All crab traps remaining in the closed areas during the specified periods shall be considered abandoned. For the winter closure only, crab traps may be removed only between one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Anyone is authorized to remove these abandoned crab traps within the closed areas, however, no person removing crab traps from the designated closed areas shall possess these traps outside of the closed areas. However, nonserviceable traps may be possessed by a shrimp fisherman outside of the closed area when in compliance with R.S. 56:332. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to designate disposal sites.

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Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to Martin Bourgeois, Marine Fisheries Program

Manager, Marine Fisheries Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, November 7, 2003.

In accordance with Act No. 1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

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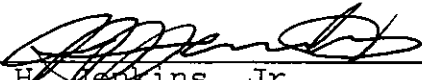
The Commissioners agreed to hold the **January 2004 Meeting** on Thursday, January 8, 2004, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Denmon then asked for **Public Comments**. Mr. Tommy Prickett announced the hunter safety program has been successful. To date, the easiest way to take hunter safety was a two day course. But beginning September 5, hunter safety would be available on the Department's website. The public would be able to enroll in the course, study the material, take the test and then come to a one day program and take a final exam to receive their certification. Also, CD Rom's are available to take the course and then bring it to a one day seminar to complete their hunter safety. Hopefully, this new system would speed the process in getting the public certified. Then Mr. Prickett mentioned the opening of dove season would begin Saturday, September 6. Public fields available were located in Jefferson Davis, Beauregard, Avoyelles and Tangipahoa Parishes. About 12 wildlife management areas would be available for dove hunting.

Chairman Denmon stated he has received lots of comments from dealers on the new licensing machines and asked for information. Mr. Jim Patton explained the contract for the old system expired on August 31 and a new contractor won the bid for a new system. A number of stores were late in signing with the contractor and as of September 1, there were 500 locations on line. Mr. Patton added there were problems with the new system with some stores reporting it was running slow. The contractor was working to alleviate those problems. Chairman Denmon stated the comments he received were that the machines were too slow. Mr. Patton noted that was the single most common complaint. He felt the new system would perform better than the old system since it provides more information and gives more flexibility. Chairman Denmon asked when would the new contract expire to which Mr. Patton answered it was a 3 year contract. He then stated the new licenses are printed on paper that is waterproof, sunproof and tearproof. Commissioner Busbice asked if the new contract was equal to the old contract as far as charges to the Department. Mr. Patton stated the new bid was lower than what was paid on the first contract.

Mr. Kendall Williams asked if the hunter safety course on the internet was for gun hunting or did it include bow hunting also? Mr. Prickett stated, at this point, it was gun hunting only.

There being no further business, Commissioner Kelly made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Felterman.



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Then Major LaCaze explained that on Dewey Wills WMA, agents received information from Dr. Tom Eubanks, State Archeologist, that there were illegal diggings occurring on an Indian Village site on the WMA. The informant's location was one that was newly discovered. Agents from Region IV set up surveillance on the site and caught four people illegally digging on the site. After interviewing the suspects, other people were arrested and the locations where the artifacts were stored was recovered. The State Archeologist has determined that some of the artifacts are priceless and some date back to a thousand years before Christ. Commissioner Felterman asked what would happen with the artifacts. Major LaCaze stated they would be held until court. The Choctaw Indian Tribe from Jena is very interested in the artifacts.

Commissioner Busbice asked about a citation, Obtain License or Engage in Activity During Revocation. Major LaCaze noted this was someone that failed to pay a fine to the Department or because the court has revoked their hunting privileges. Commissioner Busbice asked if these have occurred before or was this a first? Major LaCaze explained a revocation list is distributed to the agents monthly. Commissioner Stone asked if the trespass law reads that written permission was needed to be on private land if you are not the landowner. Major LaCaze stated, during the legislative process, the bill was amended to read now as implied permission was

needed to be on the property. Finally Major LaCaze announced a sentencing was held in Federal Court for one of the most notorious outlaws in the commercial seafood industry for theft from private oyster leases and being a very intimidating person. Federal Lacy Act violations were handed down to this person and his sentencing resulted in 51 months prison followed by 3 years of supervised probation, restitution to the victims, undergo psychiatric treatments and being barred forever from involvement in the seafood industry. Commissioner Stone asked if someone calls the Department on a trespass problem, is it the Department's venue now? Major LaCaze stated the Enforcement Division's policy states that if they come across someone trespassing, they would check them for wildlife regulations and notify the landowner a person was on their land.

Public Comment - 2004 Turkey Season and none were heard. Chairman Denmon asked when would the turkey rule be ratified? Mr. Prickett answered November.

Mr. Thomas Gresham handled the **National Hunting & Fishing Day Proclamation**. This Proclamation would declare September 27, 2003 as Louisiana's Hunting and Fishing Day. He then read the Therefore portion of the Resolution. Hearing no questions or comments, Commissioner Kelly made a motion to accept the Proclamation. Commissioner Felterman seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Mr. Gresham reminded the Commission that events would be held throughout the State and all were invited to participate.

(The full text of the Proclamation is made a part of the record.)

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

WHEREAS, Louisianians are blessed with an abundance and diversity of game, fish, and seafood that hunters, fishers and commercial industries have long appreciated and recognized the need to conserve; and

WHEREAS, revenues raised by sportsmen and commercial industries have successfully returned some animal species that faced extinction or were threatened or endangered by environmental conditions often imposed by people to healthy populations; and

WHEREAS, hunters and anglers have a long history of contributing to conservation efforts statewide and nationwide, contributing more than \$10 billion to conservation programs during the past half a century through license fees and self-imposed excise taxes; and

WHEREAS, a recent survey by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that 40 percent of all Louisianians participate in some type of fish or wildlife-related activity; and

WHEREAS, latest figures indicate that the total economic impact of wildlife-related activities, including hunting and non-consumptive usage, in Louisiana is almost \$3 billion and that Louisianians directly spend \$1.3 billion on hunting, fishing and other wildlife associated recreation; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana residents have spent an estimated \$61.3 million on fishing and hunting licenses during the last three years; and

WHEREAS, the state's warm Gulf waters and fertile estuarine systems are home to more than 100 commercially valuable seafood species, making Louisiana's marine fisheries one of the most important in the nation with more than 1.1 billion pounds landed annually for a dockside value of approximately \$308 million, with more than 30,000 people directly and indirectly employed in harvesting, processing, wholesaling and distribution of Louisiana seafood;

THEREFORE I, Terry D. Denmon, Chairman of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, State of Louisiana, on the 4th day of September 2003, hereby proclaim

SEPTEMBER 27, 2003

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LOUISIANA'S HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

throughout the state of Louisiana in recognition of the economic contributions of the hunting and fishing industry and in acknowledgment of the sport enjoyed by so many of our citizens.

Terry D. Denmon, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

Reconsideration of Notice of Intent - Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program began with Chairman Denmon stating Mr. Don Puckett advised he had legal concerns over the Notice of Intent adopted at the last meeting. Mr. Puckett recommended rescinding and withdrawing that proposal and begin the process anew. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to rescind the August Crab Trap Notice of Intent and it was seconded by Commissioner Sagrera. Commissioner Sagrera asked Mrs. Karen Foote if the Commission would have the

option to designate which are can be opened? Mrs. Foote answered yes. Commissioner Sagrera then asked what would be the deadline for the new proposal. Mrs. Foote stated there was a quick need to publish in the State Register so comment could be received prior to the February season. The motion passed with no opposition.

Mrs. Foote then recommended a February-March closure in the Pointe-aux-Chenes area and a spring shrimp closure in the Vermilion Bay area north of Marsh Island. One change by Enforcement from the previous Notice of Intent was on who can possess the abandoned non-serviceable crab traps. Mrs. Foote then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Chairman Denmon then asked about the displayed maps. Mr. Marty Bourgeois showed the different sites to be closed on the maps. Commissioner Stone asked if the proposal was to close the eastern or western portion of Vermilion Bay. Mrs. Foote noted this was the eastern area as originally presented. Commissioner Sagrera asked if the proposal would switch each year. Mrs. Foote expressed their hope to gain experience for this first year, but felt the area of closure may move as time goes on. Chairman Denmon felt it was important to get started with the program. Commissioner Sagrera stated the comments he has received were the shrimpers would prefer the western part of Vermilion Bay be closed. He suggested closing the western portion for the first year and then reversing. Commissioner Kelly stated he has received the same comments and felt you would end up with a mixture of crabbers and shrimpers working the same area. Commissioner Stone asked if the shrimpers understood the area would move around? Commissioner Sagrera explained this closure was more of an acceptance and support from the shrimpers. Mrs. Foote stated both areas of Vermilion Bay have crab trap problems. She then provided copies of a new Notice of Intent that would close the western portion of Vermilion Bay. Chairman Denmon asked if the Resolution was passed, would there be a need for a new proposal next year. Mrs. Foote stated seasons are set annually and since this was a season, staff would be back in July or August 2004 to explain how the season went and to present another proposal for the 2005 season. Commissioner Stone suggested this would be a pilot program. Mrs. Foote agreed. Commissioner Sagrera asked if the spring closure was to allow for more shrimpers and less traps in the area? Mrs. Foote stated the closure was to use the shrimpers efforts to pick up the traps. Commissioner Felterman hoped the crabbers would remove their traps from the area. Commissioner Sagrera made a motion to go with the second Notice of Intent that would close the western portion of Vermilion Bay for the spring season. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

ABANDONED CRAB TRAP REMOVAL PROGRAM

September 4, 2003

WHEREAS, Act 48 (R.S. 56:332) of the 2003 Regular Legislative Session authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a program for the removal of abandoned crab traps from state-owned lake and river beds and other water bottoms of the state, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:332 authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to provide for a prohibition on the use of crab traps and for the removal of abandoned traps and their disposal, and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall specify the beginning and ending dates for the prohibition on the use of crab traps, shall specify the geographical area within which the use of crab traps shall be prohibited and shall specify who is authorized to remove the abandoned traps, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt a notice of intent to implement a rule for an abandoned crab trap removal program and for crab trap closures which is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent which describes the abandoned crab trap removal program which will become effective upon promulgation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to designate the disposal locations for abandoned crab traps.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Terry D. Denmon, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.367, which provides for an abandoned crab trap removal program. Authority to establish these regulations is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:332(M). Said rule is attached and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§367. Removal of Abandoned Crab Traps

A. The use of crab traps shall be prohibited for a 16-day period from 6:00 a.m., February 28, 2004 through 6:00 a.m., March 14, 2004 within that portion of Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes as described below:

From a point originating from the southern boundary of the Pointe-aux-Chenes Wildlife Management Area at the South Lafourche Hurricane Protection Levee, thence west along the southern boundary of the Pointe-aux-Chenes Wildlife Management Area to the Humble Canal, thence west along the northern shoreline of Humble Canal to its intersection with Bayou Terrebonne, thence south along the western shoreline of Bayou Terrebonne to its intersection with Bush Canal, thence west along the northern shoreline of Bush Canal to its intersection with Bayou Little Caillou, thence north along the eastern shoreline of Bayou Little Caillou to the Gulf South/South Coast Natural Gas Pipeline in Chauvin, thence northwest along the Gulf South/South Coast Natural Gas Pipeline to LA Highway 57, thence south and then southeast along LA Highway 57 to its intersection with LA Highway 56, thence south along LA Highway 56 to Latitude 29°17'00" N, thence east along Latitude 29°17'00" N to LA Highway 1, thence north along LA Highway 1 to the South Lafourche Hurricane Protection Levee, thence north along the South Lafourche Hurricane Protection Levee and terminating at the southern boundary of the Pointe-aux-Chenes Wildlife Management Area.

B. The use of crab traps shall be prohibited in a portion of Vermilion Bay as described later for a 14-day period beginning at 6:00 a.m. five days prior to the opening of the 2004 Spring inshore shrimp season in Vermilion Bay and ending at 6:00 a.m. nine days following the opening of the 2004 Spring inshore shrimp season in

Vermilion Bay. In the event that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission approves opening the 2004 Spring inshore shrimp season in Vermilion Bay before a five-day minimum notice can be provided for the crab trap closure, then the use of crab traps shall be prohibited for a nine-day period beginning at 6:00 a.m. on the opening of the 2004 Spring inshore shrimp season in Vermilion Bay and ending at 6:00 a.m. nine days following the opening of the 2004 Spring inshore shrimp season in Vermilion Bay as described below:

From a point originating from the intersection of the Acadiana Navigational Channel and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, thence southwest along the Acadiana Navigational Channel red buoy line to the red navigational marker number 12 on the Marsh Island shoreline near Southwest Pass, thence south along the eastern shore of Southwest Pass to a position which intersects the inside/outside shrimp line as defined in R.S. 56:495, thence west along the inside/outside shrimp line to the western shore of Freshwater Bayou, thence north along the western shore of Freshwater Bayou to its intersection with the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, thence east along the northern shore of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway to the intersection of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and the eastern shore of the Acadiana Navigational Channel.

C. All crab traps remaining in the closed areas during the specified periods shall be considered abandoned. For the winter closure only, crab traps may be removed only between one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Anyone is authorized to remove these abandoned crab traps within the closed areas, however, no person removing crab traps from the designated closed areas shall possess these traps outside of the closed areas. However, nonserviceable traps may be possessed by a shrimp fisherman outside of the closed area when in compliance with R.S. 56:332. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to designate disposal sites.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:332(M).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 29: ____.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to Martin Bourgeois, Marine Fisheries Program

Manager, Marine Fisheries Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, November 7, 2003.

In accordance with Act No. 1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Terry D. Denmon
Chairman

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **January 2004 Meeting** on Thursday, January 8, 2004, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Denmon then asked for **Public Comments**. Mr. Tommy Prickett announced the hunter safety program has been successful. To date, the easiest way to take hunter safety was a two day course. But beginning September 5, hunter safety would be available on the Department's website. The public would be able to enroll in the course, study the material, take the test and then come to a one day program and take a final exam to receive their certification. Also, CD Rom's are available to take the course and then bring it to a one day seminar to complete their hunter safety. Hopefully, this new system would speed the process in getting the public certified. Then Mr. Prickett mentioned the opening of dove season would begin Saturday, September 6. Public fields available were located in Jefferson Davis, Beauregard, Avoyelles and Tangipahoa Parishes. About 12 wildlife management areas would be available for dove hunting.

Chairman Denmon stated he has received lots of comments from dealers on the new licensing machines and asked for information. Mr. Jim Patton explained the contract for the old system expired on August 31 and a new contractor won the bid for a new system. A number of stores were late in signing with the contractor and as of September 1, there were 500 locations on line. Mr. Patton added there were problems with the new system with some stores reporting it was running slow. The contractor was working to alleviate those problems. Chairman Denmon stated the comments he received were that the machines were too slow. Mr. Patton noted that was the single most common complaint. He felt the new system would perform better than the old system since it provides more information and gives more flexibility. Chairman Denmon asked when would the new contract expire to which Mr. Patton answered it was a 3 year contract. He then stated the new licenses are printed on paper that is waterproof, sunproof and tearproof. Commissioner Busbice asked if the new contract was equal to the old contract as far as charges to the Department. Mr. Patton stated the new bid was lower than what was paid on the first contract.

Mr. Kendall Williams asked if the hunter safety course on the internet was for gun hunting or did it include bow hunting also? Mr. Prickett stated, at this point, it was gun hunting only.

There being no further business, Commissioner Kelly made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Felterman.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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LWFC approves two-step plan to remove unused crab traps

By JOE MACALUSO

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Advocate outdoors writer

The state's program to remove unused and abandoned crab traps from coastal waters took a giant step Thursday when Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission approved a two-step plan for 2004.

A unanimous vote of the seven-man LWFC put in place a Notice of Intent for a Feb. 28-March 14, 2004 crab-season closure in Pointe aux Chenes area of Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes.

It's the first time the state has closed a crab season.

The next step will be to close a portion of Vermilion Bay for a 14-day period during the first two weeks of the spring inshore shrimp season. That season will be set by the LWFC sometime in early May 2004.

LWFC member Dr. Jerry Stone, a retired Baton Rouge physician, chaired an ad hoc committee to work out the first details of the program.

He said some of the plans were adopted from other Gulf of Mexico states that have implemented programs to remove abandoned traps from state waterways.

He explained while some details need to be worked out, the basic premise of the program is to announce the closure dates in advance to allow crabbers to remove their traps.

Any traps remaining in the close area will be considered to be abandoned and can be removed from the water.

Locations of disposal sites will be announced at a later date.

The Notice of Intent will allow for public comment for the next 120 days. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries marine biologist Marty Bourgeois said a



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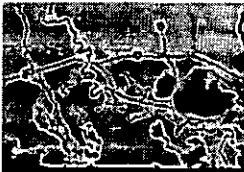


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complete copy of the notice is available by contacting the Marine Fisheries Program Manager, Marine Fisheries Division, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000. Bourgeois said public comment must be received before Nov. 7.

The notice rescinded a Notice of Intent covering the same topic posted by the LWFC at its August meeting. A new notice was needed because of an interpretation of the statute that empowers the commission to establish the program.

The LWFC, also by unanimous vote, made the U.S. Coast Guard's "Rules of the Road" the governing law for using boats on state waters.

LDWF Enforcement Division assistant Lt. Col. Charlie Clark said the rules includes for standards of operating a boat in the state along with "prima-facie evidence of careless or reckless operation" when it comes to reports of boating accidents.

In other action, the LWFC established Sept. 27 at Louisiana Hunting and Fishing Day, set its January 2004 meeting day for Jan. 8 and learned enforcement agents issued 1,459 citations and 152 written warnings in August. The total included nine boating-while-intoxicated charges and 14 north Louisiana citations for deer and rabbit hunting.

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COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Thursday, September 4, 2003
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Terry Denmon (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Lee Felterman	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Bill Busbice	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Tom Kelly	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Wayne Sagrera	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Jerry Stone	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Henry Mouton	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>

Mr. Chairman:

There are 7 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.
Secretary Jenkins is also present.

AGENDA
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LA
September 4, 2003
10:00 AM

- ✓1. Roll Call
- ✓2. Approval of Minutes of August 6, 2003
- ✓3. Commission Special Announcements
- ✓4. Rule Ratification - Rules of the Road for Vessels -
Charlie Clark
- ✓5. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/August - Keith LaCaze
- ✓6. Public Comment - 2004 Turkey Season
- ✓7. National Hunting & Fishing Day Proclamation - Thomas
Gresham
- ✓8. Reconsideration of Notice of Intent - Derelict Crab Trap
Removal Program - Vince Guillory
- ✓9. Set January 2004 Meeting Date
- ✓10. Public Comments
11. Adjournment

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby enact regulations governing the Rules of the Road for boating safety in the State of Louisiana (LAC 76:X1.301).

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XI. Boating

Chapter 3. Boating Safety

§301. Rules of the Road for Vessels

A. The following regulations shall dictate the operation of vessels upon the waters of the state and shall set forth a standard of operation. In construing and complying with these Rules, due regard shall be had to all dangers of navigation and collision and to any special circumstances, including the limitations of the vessels involved, which may make a departure from the Rules necessary to avoid immediate danger.

B. Any violation of the Rules of the Road as referred to in this section shall be prima-facie evidence of careless or reckless operation.

C. Boating accidents caused by deviation from the Rules of the Road shall be documented as such in accident reports.

D. The Rules of the Road for vessels upon the waters in the state shall be as follows:

1. Vessels passing head-on shall each keep to their respective right.

2. A vessel overtaking another vessel may do so on either side, but must grant the right-of-way to the vessel being overtaken.

3. When vessels are passing at right angles, the vessel on the left will yield right-of-way to vessel on the right.

4. Motorboats shall yield right-of-way to non-motor powered boats except as follows:

a. When being overtaken by non-powered vessels.

b. For deep draft vessels that have to remain in narrow channels.

c. When vessel is towing another vessel.

5. Motorboats must maintain a direct course when passing sailboats.

6. A vessel approaching a landing dock or pier shall yield the right-of-way to any departing vessel.

7. A vessel departing shoreline or tributary shall yield right-of-way to through traffic and vessels approaching shoreline or tributary.

8. Vessels will not abruptly change course without first determining that it can be safely done without risk of collision with another vessel.

9. If an operator fails to fully comprehend the course of an approaching vessel he must slow down immediately to a speed

barely sufficient for steerageway until the other vessel has passed.

10. Vessels yielding right-of-way shall reduce speed, stop, reverse, or alter course to avoid collision. Vessel with right-of-way shall hold course and speed. If there is danger of collision, all vessels will slow down, stop, or reverse until danger is averted.

11. Vessels will issue warning signals in fog or weather conditions that restrict visibility.

12. No mechanically propelled vessel shall be operated so as to traverse a course around any other vessel underway or any person swimming.

13. In a narrow channel, vessels will keep to the right of mid-channel.

14. Vessels approaching or passing another vessel shall be operated in such manner and at such a rate of speed as will not create a hazardous wash or wake.

15. No vessel shall obstruct or interfere with take-off, landing, or taxiing of aircraft.

16. All vessels shall be operated at reasonable speeds for given conditions and situations and must be under the complete control of the operator at all times.

17. No person shall, under any circumstances, operate a vessel in excess of an established speed or wake zone.

18. No vessel or person shall obstruct or block a

navigation channel, entrance to channel, mooring slip, landing dock, launching ramp, pier or tributary.

19. Vessels shall keep at least 100 feet clearance of displayed diver's flag.

20. Operator shall maintain a proper lookout.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 34:851.27A.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 29: (September 2003).

Terry D. Denmon

Chairman

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

AUGUST, 2003

REGION 1: MINDEN

PARISHES: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER,
CADDO, CLAIBORNE,
WEBSTER, RED RIVER,
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TOTAL CASES	67
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
26	Boating Safety
12	Angling W/O Resident License
2	Angling W/O License – Non-Resident
3	Fishing W/O Resident Cane Pole License
4	Hunting From A Moving Vehicle
4	Hunt, Stand, Or Loiter From Public Road
4	Hunt Deer Illegal Hours
1	Resisting An Officer
2	Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated
1	Operating Vessel While Intoxicated
1	Public Intimidation
6	Littering
1	Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries (Contributing To Delinquency Of Minor)

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	8	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
5		Boating Safety
3		Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1-260 Browning Rifle W/Scope; 1- 6 Volt Red Night Light

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
26	Boating
0	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
6	Littering
6	Miscellaneous
17	Recreational Fishing
12	State Hunting/Trapping
8	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Public Assistance

REGION 2: MONROE**PARISHES: E. CARROLL, JACKSON,
LINCOLN, MOREHOUSE,
OUACHITA, RICHLAND,
UNION, W. CARROLL**

TOTAL CASES	69
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
19	Boating
3	Sell Fish Without A Retail Dealer's License
1	Fail To Maintain Records
5	Hunt From A Moving Vehicle
3	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours
5	Hunt Or Take Deer With An Illegal Weapon
5	Take Deer Illegal Hours Or Artificial Light
5	Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road
1	Discharge Firearm From Public Road
12	Angle Without A Resident License
2	Littering
2	Possession Of Alcohol Under Age 21
1	Possess Firearm While Frogging
1	Operate ATV On Public Road
1	Possession Of Marijuana

2	Take/Possess Spotted Fawn
1	Harassment Of Person Lawfully Fishing

WRITTEN WARNINGS: -0-

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
	NONE

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1- 8 Pt. Deer, 1-Savage .22 Rifle; 1-Spotted Fawn

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
19	Boating
4	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
4	Miscellaneous
14	Recreational Fishing
26	State Hunting/Trapping

0	Written Warnings
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TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Public Assistance

REGION 3: ALEXANDRIA

PARISHES: AVOYELLES, GRANT
NATCHITOCHES,
RAPIDES, SABINE,
VERNON, WINN

TOTAL CASES	101
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
40	Boating
1	Take Game Fish Illegally
2	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
21	Angling W/O A License
3	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
1	Take Over Limit Freshwater Game Fish
1	Commercial Fisherman Sell To Consumer W/O Fresh Products License
1	Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fin Fish
2	Violate Open Container Law
3	Possess Alcohol Under 21 Years Of Age
2	Trespass On State Property
1	Misrepresentation During Issuance Of Misdemeanor
1	Illegal Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia
1	Simple Possession Of Marijuana

1	Reckless Operation of Vehicle
1	Take Deer Closed Season
2	Hunt Squirrel Closed Season
4	Hunt From Public Road
4	Hunt From Moving Vehicle
4	Hunt Deer Illegal Hours
5	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 2	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Improper Boat Numbers

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 Cast Net, 10 Crappie, 1 Squirrel, 3 Rifles, 1 Spotlight, 1 Deer, 1 Shotgun

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
40	Boating
2	Commercial Fishing

0	Federal Migratory
5	Littering
11	Miscellaneous
28	Recreational Fishing
15	State Hunting/Trapping
2	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Public Assistance – Stranded Motorists

REGION 4: FERRIDAY**PARISHES: CALDWELL, CATAHOULA,
CONCORDIA, FRANKLIN,
LASALLE, MADISON, TENSAS**

TOTAL CASES	119
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
45	Boating Safety Violations
25	Angling W/O License
7	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
5	Fishing W/O Resident Pole License
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
1	Take/Possess Spotted Fawn
3	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
2	Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana
1	Operating A Vessel While Intoxicated
8	Theft Of State Property
7	Criminal Damage Of State Property
4	Littering
10	Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
15	
5	Angling W/O Resident License
10	Boating Safety Violations

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
Numerous Indian Artifacts; 1 Spotted Fawn

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
45	Boating
1	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
4	Littering
28	Miscellaneous
37	Recreational Fishing
4	State Hunting/Trapping
15	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Public Assistance

REGION 5: LAKE CHARLES

PARISHES: BEAUREGARD, CALCASIEU,
EVANGELINE, ALLEN,
CAMERON, ACADIA,
VERMILION, JEFF DAVIS

TOTAL CASES	142
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
66	Boating
46	Angling W/O A Resident License
9	Angling W/O A License – Non-Resident
3	Violate Recreational Gear License Requirement
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License - Non-Resident
1	Fail To Have Intact (Saltwater)
1	Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum (Rec.)
2	Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum (Rec.)
2	Commission Rules And Regulations Red Snapper – (Rec.) O/L & U/S
1	Take Or Possess O/L Black Drum (Rec.)
3	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
1	Theft Of Crab Trap
1	Trawling In Closed Season Inside Waters
1	Possess Wild Birds Or Wild Quadrupeds W/O A License

1	Possess Of Live MGB Illegally
1	Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road
1	Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 2

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	No Observer Or Fail To Comply W/Water-Skiing Regulations
1	No Boat Registration Certificate In Possession

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
21 Black Drum U/S RTW; 35 Flounders Destroyed; 1 Red Drum RTW; 1 Red Snapper Destroyed; 4 Lbs. Shrimp Sold For \$7.65; 12 Wood Ducks Live To Rehabilitation Center; 1 Raccoon Destroyed; 1 Shrimp Trawl, 1 Q Beam; 1 Crab Trap; 9 Rods; 9 Reels

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
66	Boating
6	Commercial Fishing
1	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
66	Recreational Fishing

1	State Hunting/Trapping
2	Written Warnings
0	Wildlife Management Areas

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Public Assistance

REGION 6: OPELOUSAS

PARISHES: IBERIA, IBERVILLE,
PT. COUPEE, LAFAYETTE,
ST. LANDRY, ST. MARTIN,
W.B.R.

TOTAL CASES	239
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
64	Boating
111	Angling W/O License In Possession
4	Angling W/O Saltwater License
15	Take/Possess Illegal Size Black Bass
18	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
1	Obtain License Or Engage Activity During Revocation
1	Hunt Rabbits Closed Season
1	Commission Rules/Regulations (Overlimit Sharks)
9	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
2	Take/Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
2	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
1	Obtain License By Fraud
1	Illegal Possession Of Alligator
1	Violate Recreational Gear License Requirements

3	Littering
1	Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
1	Fail To Maintain Records

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
37	Boating
40	Angling W/O License In Possession
15	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
1	Angling W/O Resident Pole License
2	Angling W/O Non-Resident License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
23 Black Bass, 4 Bull Shark, 8 Rod And Reels, 1 Alligator, 1 Red Drum, 1 White Shrimp Container

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
64	Boating
10	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory

3	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
159	Recreational Fishing
2	State Hunting/Trapping
95	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Public Assistance

REGION 7: BATON ROUGE

PARISHES: ASCENSION, E.B. ROUGE,
E. FELICIANA, LIVINGSTON,
ST. HELENA, ST. TAMMANY,
TANGIPAHOA, WASHINGTON,
W. FELICIANA

TOTAL CASES	249
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
140	Boating (3-DWI's)
56	Angling W/O Basic Resident License
2	Angling W/O Saltwater License
9	Angling W/O Non-Resident Basic License
2	Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O A Wholesale/Retail Dealers License
1	Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O A Retail Seafood Dealers License
1	Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O A Retail Seafood Dealers License—Non-Resident
1	Retail Dealer Buy Fish From Other Than A Wholesale/Retail Dealer
13	Sell Undersize Crabs (10%-19%)
9	Possess Over 20% Undersize Crabs
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Non-Resident Commercial License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Non-Resident Gear License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Non-Resident Vessel License
2	Transport W/O Required License
5	Possession Of Untagged Oysters

1	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Resident—Violate Recreational Gear License Requirements
1	Violate Commission Rules And Regulations (Undersize Shark)
1	Littering
1	Violate Sanitation Code

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
8	
2	Angling W/O Resident License
6	Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
72—Crabs—Returned To The Water Alive 21—Crates of Crabs—Returned To Water Alive 21—Sacks of Oysters—Returned To The Water Alive 1—Shark 11—Trip Tickets

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
257	
140	Boating (3-DWT's)
39	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
1	Littering

0	Miscellaneous
69	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
8	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL 17	DESCRIPTION
	Public Assistance: 7—Assist Motorists 10—Assist Boaters

REGION 8: NEW ORLEANS**PARISHES: PLAQUEMINE, ST. BERNARD,
ORLEANS, JEFFERSON,
ST. CHARLES**

TOTAL CASES	346
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
70	Boating
119	Angling W/O A License
18	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
11	Angling W/O A Saltwater License
1	Angling W/O A Non-Resident Saltwater License
1	Take/Possess O/L Red Drum (On Water)
4	Possess O/L Of Red Drum In Excess of 27"(Recreational)
6	Take Or Possess In the EEZ
1	Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum
6	Take Or Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout
2	Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum
1	Take/Possess O/L Spotted Sea Trout(On Water)
1	Commission Rules And Regulations - Grouper
2	Commission Rules And Regulations - Shark
2	Commission Rules And Regulations - Snapper
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

5	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
8	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Transport W/O Required License
2	Use Saltwater Net Illegally
2	Fail To Comply W/Aquaculture Fish Regulations
2	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
6	Removing Contents From Crab Traps
2	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman Use Commercial Vessel License
2	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman Use Commercial Gear License
2	Take/Possess Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
1	Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data
10	Trawling In Closed Season(Inside Waters)
4	Butterflying In Closed Season
16	Use Skimmers In Closed Season
6	Use Oversize Skimmers
2	Failure To Have Written Permission
10	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
10	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease
1	Use Illegal Dredge

2	Failure To Display Proper Number On Vessel
2	Violation Of Sanitation Code Log Book
3	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 10	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Angling W/O A License
1	Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum
5	Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
Returned To Water....Crabs(48), Crabs (1,700 lbs.), Shrimp(135 lbs.), Sold At Bid.....Shrimp(2,242 Lbs.), Donated....Black Drum(8), Oyster Sacks(146 Sacks), Red Drum(51), Spotted Sea Trout(58), Mangrove Snapper(5), Sheepshead(1), Gag Grouper(1), Shark(2), Hardware Confiscated.....Gill Net(1), Orange Baskets (2), Log Book Pages(2), Oyster Dredges(8), Boat Motor And Trailer(2), Rods And Reels(16), Ice Chest(1), Trawls(4), Crab Traps(9), Skimmer Nets(24), Marijuana(1 Bag, 1 Rolling Machine).

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
70	Boating
98	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
0	Miscellaneous

175	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
10	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Public Assistance

REGION 9: SCHRIEVER

**PARISHES: ASSUMPTION, ST. JAMES
ST. JOHN, ST. MARY,
TERREBONNE, LAFOURCHE,
JEFFERSON, GRAND ISLE,
LOWER ST. MARTIN**

TOTAL CASES	127
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
30	Angling Without A License
1	Fish Without Resident Pole License
1	Fail To Have Saltwater Fish Intact
2	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
2	Take Undersized Red Drum
1	Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial License
2	Take Commercial Fish Without Vessel License
11	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Destroy Legal Crab Trap Content
4	Remove Legal Crab Trap Content
1	Violate Crab Trap Escape Ring Requirements
4	Tending Crab Traps Illegal Hours
2	Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data

1	Theft Of Crab Trap
1	Possess Over 20% Undersize Crabs
2	Trawling In Closed Season Inside Waters
3	Trawling Inside Waters With Oversized Double Rigs
4	Use Skimmers In Closed Season
3	Violate Shrimp Provisions
2	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
4	Take Oysters In Closed Season
3	DWI On Water
1	Negligent Vehicular Injury
2	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 12	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
5	Angling Without A License
1	Fish Without Resident Pole License
6	Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
3 Black Bass, 2 Red Drum, 962 Lbs. Shrimp Sold \$1,020.90, 350 Lbs. Shrimp Donated, 4 Boxes Sea Bob, 605 Lbs. Crabs, 85 Sacks Oysters, 2 Oyster Dredges, 7 Vessels And Motors, 2 Butterfly Nets, 6 Skimmer Nets, 2 Trawl Nets, 4 Shrimp Baskets, 16 Commercial Trip Tickets, 4 Crab Traps, 4 Champagnes, 1 Ice Chest, 3 Bottles

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
38	Boating
46	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
4	Miscellaneous
37	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
12	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
12	Public Assistance

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

COASTAL WATERS

TOTAL CASES	31
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
6	Boating
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession (Gear License)
3	Take Or Possess Fish W/O A Commercial License
3	Take Or Possess Oysters W/O An Oyster Harvester License
1	Trawling In Closed Season
1	Failure To Have Written Permission
2	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
3	Unlawfully Take Oysters From Private Lease
4	Take Oysters Closed Season
2	Possession Of Untagged Oysters
1	Violate Sanitary Code (Log Book)
1	Angling W/O A Basic License (Resident)
1	Angling W/O A Basic License (Non-Resident)
2	Take Or Possess Undersize Red Drum

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0		

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
159 Sacks Of Oysters, 2 Oyster Dredges, 1 Trawl, 10 Red Drum

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
6	Boating
21	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
4	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	76
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Buy/Sell Fish W/O A Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealer's License
1	Buy Fish From Other Than Wholesale/Retail Dealer
18	Fail To Maintain Records
5	Transport W/O Required License
2	Fail To Comply With Aquaculture Fish Regulations
1	Violate Interstate Shipping Regulations(Lacey Act)
6	Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data
2	Buy/Sell Fish W/O A Retail Seafood Dealer's License
1	Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Fisherman
1	Possess Crabs In Berry Stage
12	Possess Over 20% Undersized Crabs
12	Possess Undersize Crabs 10% - 19%
4	Possess Less Than 10% Untagged or Improperly Tagged Oysters

1	Violate Sanitation Code (Refrigeration)
1	Fail To Comply With Stone Crab Requirements
1	Possession Of Untagged Or Improperly Tagged Oysters (10%+)
1	Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated
1	Reckless Operation Of Vehicle
1	Aggravated Flight From Officer Exceeding Speed Limit By 25 MPH
1	Operating Vehicle While License Is Suspended

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
50 Lbs. Shrimp Donated, 2 Sacks Of Oysters Destroyed, 11 Sacks Of Oysters Returned To Water, 11 Lbs. Flounder Donated, 41 Crates Of Live Crabs Returned To Water, 278.7 Lbs. Of Shrimp Sold For \$481.14.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SEAFOOD INVESTIGATION UNIT

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
72	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
4	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

S.W.E.P.

COASTAL WATERS

TOTAL CASES	14
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Boating
1	Violate Commission Rules And Regs-Take/Poss. Red Drum Fed. Waters
1	Take Shrimp Illegal Gear
2	Skimming In Closed Season
3	Violate Commission Rules And Regs-Take Red Drum Fed. Waters Rec.
2	Use Oversize Skimmer Frames
1	Angling W/O License

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	3	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1		Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License In Possession
1		Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License In Possession
1		Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License In Possession

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
12 Red Drum

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR S.W.E.P.

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Boating
9	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
1	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
3	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

Note: 200 Boats Checked

160 Hours Ran

REFUGE PATROL

MARSH ISLAND, ROCKEFELLER,
STATE WILDLIFE

TOTAL CASES	41
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
12	Boating
13	Angling W/O A License Or Saltwater
11	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
4	Littering
1	Trawling Closed Season

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
9	
3	Failure To Comply With Visual Distress
3	Improper Boat Numbers Or Expired Boat Registration Certificate
2	Angling W/O A License
1	Improper Or No Fire Extinguisher

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
Approx. 87 Lbs. Of Shrimp, 3-5 Gallon Buckets , Shrimp-Approx. 17 Lbs.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REFUGE PATROL

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
12	Boating
1	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
4	Littering
11	Miscellaneous
13	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping

9	Written Warnings
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TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
3	Public Assistance

TOTAL CASES: 1,459

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 152

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 56

ENFORCEMENT AIRPLANE HOURS

AUGUST, 2003

185-Amph.- 61092
Hrs.- 29.2

185-Float- 9667Q
Hrs. - 55.0

210-9467Y
Hrs.- 1.5

ENFORCEMENT TOTAL HOURS - 80.8

OTHER DIVISIONS TOTAL HOURS- 4.9

TOTAL PLANE USE - 85.7

**CASES MADE IN CONJUNCTION WITH AIRCRAFT USE RESULTED IN CITATIONS
ISSUED FOR:**

2-Anchoring Oyster Bayou

1-Skimming Inside Water Closed Season

3-Total

CONFISCATIONS:

900 Lbs. Of Shrimp



Proclamation



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August 11, 2003

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Mr. Terry Denmon, Chairman
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RE: Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Rule

Chairman Denmon:

At the August meeting, the Commission approved a Notice of Intent designating two areas, one of which and only one of which would be subsequently selected by the Secretary as the prohibited crab trap area for the spring inshore shrimp season.

The Notice of Intent was promulgated pursuant to Act 48, and was passed contingent upon a legal review, which I have conducted. I am giving you my views on this legislation by way of this letter since I will not be present at the September meeting. Please feel free to share it with the other Commission members and to read or file it into the Commission record as you see fit.

My recommendation is to return to the original format submitted by staff, specifically a Notice of Intent/Rule which would designate a particular geographic area specified by the Commission.

It is impossible to say categorically that the Commission could not present a Notice of Intent with two alternative areas, or that the Commission could not delegate to the Secretary the authority to choose from one of the two areas at a time closer to the opening of the spring inshore shrimp season. But by the same token neither can one conclude with certainty that these provisions of the Notice of Intent would be held to be permissible under Act 48. One thing is certain: their presence in the Notice of Intent could very well give rise to legal questions. Conversely, a Notice of Intent which simply

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sets out the specified area without the requirement for any future action by the Commission or the Secretary removes this possibility, and indisputably adheres to the letter of Act 48.

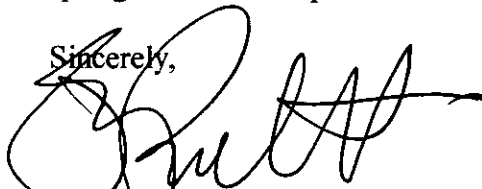
Another reason in my opinion that this is a preferable alternative is that it gives the legislative oversight committee a clearer view of the Commission's intended actions, rather than requiring the committee to pass judgment on a proposed rule which would still be subject to a contingency subsequent to the approval of the rule.

Lastly, although well intended, the "option" plan in all likelihood would not serve its intended purpose. Specifically, it is essential to the success of the program that the crab fishermen and related businesses be given notice which affords them the maximum feasible amount of time to prepare and anticipate which area will be closed and when. The length of time necessary for adequate notice to the crab industry would be far in advance of the time wherein reasonable projections of salinity and other factors in the bays could be made for purposes of predicting the shrimp season.

In summary, it may well be a futile exercise which would serve only to raise unnecessary legal issues. Please note that although I am recommending a return to the original format of the Notice of Intent, the Commission is of course free to choose any geographical area which can be specified and described.

If the Commission wishes to follow this recommendation, the proper procedure would be in the form of a motion to rescind and withdraw the August 6 Notice of Intent. If that motion is successful, the Chair could then entertain a motion to adopt a new Notice of Intent specifying the areas for the crab trap prohibition for February-March and for the spring inshore shrimp season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donald E. Puckett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Donald E. Puckett
General Counsel

RESOLUTION
ABANDONED CRAB TRAP REMOVAL PROGRAM
September 4, 2003

WHEREAS, Act 48 (R.S. 56:332) of the 2003 Regular Legislative Session authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a program for the removal of abandoned crab traps from state-owned lake and river beds and other water bottoms of the state, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:332 authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to provide for a prohibition on the use of crab traps and for the removal of abandoned traps and their disposal, and

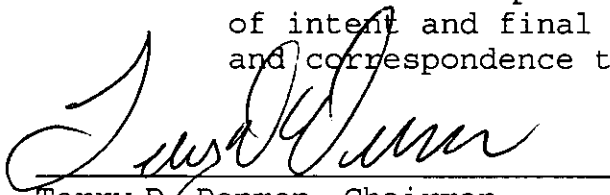
WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall specify the beginning and ending dates for the prohibition on the use of crab traps, shall specify the geographical area within which the use of crab traps shall be prohibited and shall specify who is authorized to remove the abandoned traps, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt a notice of intent to implement a rule for an abandoned crab trap removal program and for crab trap closures which is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

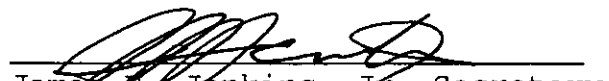
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent which describes the abandoned crab trap removal program which will become effective upon promulgation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to designate the disposal locations for abandoned crab traps.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.



Terry D. Denmon, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Western
adopted by
Comm 9/4/2003

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.367, which provides for an abandoned crab trap removal program. Authority to establish these regulations is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:332(M). Said rule is attached and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§367. Removal of Abandoned Crab Traps

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From a point originating from the southern boundary of the Pointe au Chenes Wildlife Management Area at the South Lafourche Hurricane Protection Levee, thence west along the southern boundary of the Pointe aux Chenes Wildlife Management Area to the Humble Canal, thence west along the northern shoreline of Humble Canal to its intersection with Bayou Terrebonne, thence south along the western shoreline of Bayou Terrebonne to its intersection with Bush Canal, thence west along the northern shoreline of Bush Canal to its intersection with Bayou Little Caillou, thence north along the eastern shoreline of Bayou Little Caillou to the Gulf South / South Coast Natural Gas Pipeline in Chauvin, thence northwest along the Gulf South / South Coast Natural Gas Pipeline to

LA Highway 57, thence south and then southeast along LA Highway 57 to its intersection with LA Highway 56, thence south along LA Highway 56 to Latitude 29°17'00" N, thence east along Latitude 29°17'00" N to LA Highway 1, thence north along LA Highway 1 to the South Lafourche Hurricane Protection Levee, thence north along the South Lafourche Hurricane Protection Levee and terminating at the southern boundary of the Pointe aux Chenes Wildlife Management Area.

B. The use of crab traps shall be prohibited in a portion of Vermilion Bay as described later for a 14-day period beginning at 6:00 a.m. five days prior to the opening of the 2004 Spring inshore shrimp season in Vermilion Bay and ending at 6:00 a.m. nine days following the opening of the 2004 Spring inshore shrimp season in Vermilion Bay. In the event that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission approves opening the 2004 Spring inshore shrimp season in Vermilion Bay before a five-day minimum notice can be provided for the crab trap closure, then the use of crab traps shall be prohibited for a nine-day period beginning at 6:00 a.m. on the opening of the 2004 Spring inshore shrimp season in Vermilion Bay and ending at 6:00 a.m. nine days following the opening of the 2004 Spring inshore shrimp season in Vermilion Bay as described below:

From a point originating from the intersection of the Acadiana Navigational Channel and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, thence southwest along the Acadiana Navigational Channel red buoy line to the red navigational marker number 12 on the Marsh Island shoreline near Southwest Pass, thence south along the eastern shore of Southwest Pass to a position which intersects the inside/outside shrimp line as defined in R.S.56:495, thence west along the inside/outside shrimp line to the western shore of Freshwater Bayou, thence north along the western shore of Freshwater Bayou to its

intersection with the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, thence east along the northern shore of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway to the intersection of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and the eastern shore of the Acadiana Navigational Channel.

C. All crab traps remaining in the closed areas during the specified periods shall be considered abandoned. For the winter closure only, crab traps may be removed only between one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Anyone is authorized to remove these abandoned crab traps within the closed areas, however, no person removing crab traps from the designated closed areas shall possess these traps outside of the closed areas. However, nonserviceable traps may be possessed by a shrimp fisherman outside of the closed area when in compliance with R.S.56:332. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to designate disposal sites.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:332(M).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 29: ____:

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the family and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to Martin Bourgeois, Marine Fisheries Program Manager, Marine Fisheries Division, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, November 7, 2003.

In accordance with Act No. 1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries / Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Terry D. Denmon

Chairman

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.367, which provides for an abandoned crab trap removal program. Authority to establish these regulations is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:332(M). Said rule is attached and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

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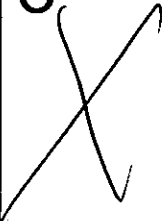
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January 2004						
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MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	PERCENT DOLLARS PAID	PERCENT CASES PAID
FISCAL YEAR 1993-94								
July, 1993	25	\$21,039.00	(\$9,778.00)	29	\$4,855.00	\$2,545.00		
Aug., 1993	53	\$44,922.00	(\$1,137.00)	41	\$7,950.00	\$3,603.00		
Sept., 1993	42	\$137,635.00	(\$17,938.00)	35	\$6,783.00	\$3,048.00		
Oct., 1993	49	\$21,471.00	(\$11,282.00)	40	\$3,285.00	\$1,519.00		
Nov., 1993	57	\$31,207.00	(\$13,260.00)	32	\$3,053.00	\$2,845.00		
Dec., 1993	53	\$13,777.00		27	\$6,507.00	\$6,713.00		
Jan., 1994	38	\$18,918.00		32	\$4,423.00	\$2,831.00		
Feb., 1994	68	\$38,131.00	(\$8,238.00)	46	\$9,124.00	\$5,993.00		
Mar., 1994	38	\$22,739.00	(\$2,482.00)	51	\$10,854.00	\$6,796.00		
April, 1994	14	\$44,732.00	(\$1,404.00)	27	\$7,307.00	\$4,632.00		
May, 1994	10	\$4,504.00	(\$165.00)	7	\$5,447.00	\$3,808.00		
June, 1994	29	\$26,167.00	(\$2,986.00)	12	\$1,886.00	\$1,214.00		
Total FY 1994	476	\$425,242.00	(\$68,670.00)	379	\$71,474.00	\$45,547.00	27.5%	79.6%
FISCAL YEAR 1994-95								
July, 1994	17	\$2,127.00	(\$335.00)	23	\$2,101.00	\$1,437.00		
Aug., 1994	41	\$96,403.00	(\$3,035.00)	20	\$1,010.00	\$605.00		
Sept., 1994	34	\$14,614.00	(\$14,002.00)	26	\$2,596.00	\$2,342.00		
Oct., 1994	94	\$17,426.00	(\$8,677.00)	38	\$2,922.00	\$3,179.00		
Nov., 1994	43	\$103,592.00		45	\$3,992.00	\$2,803.00		
Dec., 1994	68	\$31,400.00		35	\$4,315.00	\$2,329.00		
Jan., 1995	55	\$27,601.00		52	\$7,493.00	\$4,921.00		
Feb., 1995	70	\$61,119.00		41	\$6,472.00	\$3,973.00		
Mar., 1995	31	\$25,072.00		44	\$8,315.00	\$4,737.00		
Apr., 1995	13	\$15,353.00		16	\$3,565.00	\$1,538.00		
May., 1995	23	\$11,632.00		16	\$4,315.00	\$654.00		
June 1995	45	\$31,008.00		18	\$2,630.00	\$1,025.00		
Total FY 1995	534	\$437,347.00	(\$26,049.00)	374	\$49,726.00	\$29,543.00	18.1%	70.0%
FICAL YEAR 1995-96								
July, 1995	0	\$0.00						
Aug., 1995	46	\$17,425.00		27	\$9,028.00	\$1,729.00		
Sept., 1995	1	\$125.00		21	\$3,093.00	\$2,049.00		
Oct., 1995	122	\$206,244.00		29	\$2,720.00	\$1,161.00		
Nov., 1995	55	\$23,124.00		62	\$10,151.00	\$6,383.00		
Dec., 1995	50	\$18,607.26		32	\$4,780.66	\$2,802.76		
Jan., 1996	49	\$13,814.88	(\$15,296.45)	36	\$5,296.51	\$3,472.89		
Feb., 1996	50	\$14,716.97		38	\$5,777.53	\$3,416.91		
Mar., 1996	33	\$24,936.91		36	\$6,035.12	\$3,421.75		
Apr., 1996	30	\$11,006.66		36	\$7,173.12	\$2,711.54		
May., 1996	23	\$7,989.34		24	\$3,941.69	\$2,020.29		
June 1996	50	\$22,151.31		16	\$2,790.02	\$1,182.23		
Total FY 1996	509	\$360,141.33	(\$15,296.45)	357	\$60,786.65	\$30,350.37	25.3%	70.1%
FISCAL YEAR 1996-97								
July, 1996	40	\$71,894.13		32	\$5,249.93	\$2,947.96		
Aug., 1996	32	\$5,362.64		32	\$6,254.59	\$3,783.69		
Sept., 1996	41	\$7,210.00		29	\$2,259.96	\$1,326.58		
Oct., 1996	29	\$11,092.53		25	\$3,697.89	\$2,261.98		
Nov., 1996	20	\$10,009.10		22	\$1,624.63	\$698.02		
Dec., 1996	13	\$238,466.04		22	\$5,877.18	\$2,121.53		
Jan., 1997	27	\$11,755.22		17	\$4,393.30	\$2,377.09		
Feb., 1997	47	\$18,520.87		42	\$8,579.84	\$5,552.63		
Mar., 1997	26	\$13,434.02		27	\$4,999.59	\$2,757.67		
Apr., 1997	10	\$2,908.87		15	\$2,322.88	\$1,298.66		
May., 1997	20	\$11,682.70		15	\$5,198.91	\$1,399.21		
June 1997	5	\$8,036.58		10	\$2,335.24	\$765.34		
Total FY 1997	310	\$410,372.70	\$0.00	288	\$52,793.94	\$27,290.36	19.5%	92.9%
FICAL YEAR 1997 - 98								
July, 1997	10	\$2,811.71		8	\$1,584.67	\$823.11		
Aug., 1997	14	\$8,741.30		8	\$1,496.49	\$779.14		
Sept., 1997	29	\$19,926.37		12	\$2,051.78	\$1,278.04		
Oct., 1997	12	\$4,716.81		23	\$3,184.83	\$2,063.89		
Nov., 1997	23	\$54,965.34		10	\$2,424.86	\$1,218.28		
Dec., 1997	25	\$36,881.09		15	\$4,376.97	\$2,775.66		
Jan., 1998	42	\$30,025.81		17	\$5,300.40	\$3,533.66		
Feb., 1998	37	\$31,164.95		29	\$22,961.69	\$8,501.18		
Mar., 1998	9	\$13,273.45		32	\$9,406.56	\$4,371.53		

Apr., 1998	10	\$5,628.21		10	\$2,602.62	\$1,279.77		
May., 1998	0	\$225.00		8	\$2,885.02	\$950.46		
June 1998	5	\$2,414.03		6	\$1,041.54	\$98.00		
Total FY 1998	216	\$210,774.07	\$0.00	178	\$59,317.43	\$27,672.72	41.3%	82.4%
FICAL YEAR 1998 - 99								
July, 1998	9	\$1,390.43		8	\$1,964.20	\$716.75		
Aug., 1998	10	\$2,240.70		10	\$1,048.28	\$372.47		
Sept., 1998	8	\$2,768.96		11	\$2,000.36	\$1,148.23		
Oct., 1998	22	\$28,704.85		14	\$1,860.17	\$807.48		
Nov., 1998	19	\$9,137.79		11	\$1,765.97	\$1,092.43		
Dec., 1998	23	\$11,959.10		27	\$4,441.02	\$2,040.71		
Jan., 1999	41	\$21,179.55		18	\$6,621.63	\$3,838.22		
Feb., 1999	45	\$26,236.24		41	\$12,119.09	\$6,923.61		
Mar., 1999	15	\$7,549.57		33	\$8,281.77	\$4,138.44		
Apr., 1999	9	\$8,013.54		14	\$3,035.82	\$1,388.41		
May., 1999	5	\$5,161.23		5	\$905.50	\$405.00		
June 1999	7	\$3,719.01		13	\$3,011.06	\$533.83		
Total FY 1999	213	\$128,060.97	\$0.00	205	\$47,054.87	\$23,405.58	55.0%	96.2%
FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000								
July, 1999	5	\$1,556.38		9	\$2,287.53	\$1,198.81		
Aug., 1999	10	\$2,510.83		15	\$2,455.38	\$513.73		
Sept., 1999	6	\$2,032.19	\$5,324.80	28	\$3,563.06	\$475.93		
Oct., 1999	11	\$4,452.31	\$567.75	25	\$2,775.48	\$557.41		
Nov., 1999	14	\$8,634.64		26	\$3,250.96	\$1,322.96		
Dec., 1999	24	\$15,891.96		19	\$3,862.76	\$2,126.27		
Jan., 2000	49	\$27,872.14		28	\$7,952.94	\$3,814.02		
Feb., 2000	21	\$11,039.59		30	\$10,159.24	\$6,216.42		
Mar., 2000	19	\$9,873.21		31	\$6,709.07	\$3,555.40		
Apr., 2000	12	\$7,897.70		17	\$2,932.41	\$1,512.54		
May, 2000	7	\$5,039.46	\$293.60	20	\$7,062.23	\$3,164.00		
June, 2000	16	\$14,566.88		18	\$5,766.59	\$1,852.12		
Total FY 2000	194	\$111,367.29	\$6,186.15	266	\$58,777.65	\$26,309.61	76%	137%
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01								
July, 2000	2	\$865.01		14	\$1,948.03	\$154.01		
Aug., 2000	20	\$15,837.60		17	\$3,302.27	\$1,063.92		
Sept., 2000	12	\$3,562.26		23	\$8,718.21	\$1,351.41		
Oct., 2000	18	\$122,696.24		29	\$7,457.98	\$490.16		
Nov. 2000	13	\$15,851.30		22	\$4,038.50	\$309.30		
Dec., 2000	40	\$30,234.92		24	\$7,189.98	\$462.13		
Jan., 2001	28	\$15,923.38		25	\$7,611.66	\$833.60		
Feb., 2001	35	\$20,181.39		30	\$18,568.12	\$1,917.82		
Mar., 2001	8	\$5,956.83		37	\$15,724.02	\$753.86		
Apr., 2001	20	\$24,145.82		22	\$4,856.39	\$225.93		
May 2001	4	\$1,677.36		20	\$3,700.77	\$313.58		
June 2001	3	\$932.20		31	\$8,433.81	\$346.90		
Total FY 2001	203	\$257,864.31	\$0.00	294	\$91,549.74	\$8,222.62	39%	145%
FISCAL YEAR 2001-02								
July, 2001	4	\$4,290.29		25	\$6,328.36	\$293.54		
Aug., 2001	6	\$9,452.69		18	\$2,984.52			
Sept., 2001	0	\$175.00		25	\$4,157.32	\$66.29		
Oct., 2001	15	\$6,439.06		18	\$3,174.66	\$67.32		
Nov., 2001	15	\$5,913.63		24	\$3,932.41	\$194.66		
Dec., 2001	36	\$21,868.88		20	\$5,384.19	\$502.17		
Jan., 2002	56	\$27,650.44		38	\$11,100.99	\$1,008.09		
Feb., 2002	27	\$14,211.31	\$620.55	37	\$20,017.87	\$861.63		
Mar., 2002	8	\$6,765.68		36	\$10,061.89	\$419.16		
Apr., 2002	20	\$11,296.19		19	\$2,196.02	\$49.33		
May, 2002	3	\$30,852.57	\$11,887.80	27	\$8,265.67	\$538.72		
June, 2002	3	\$8,636.08		23	\$3,418.15	\$87.91		
Total FY 2002	193	\$147,551.82	\$12,508.35	310	\$81,022.05	\$4,088.82	58%	161%
FISCAL YEAR 2002-03								
July, 2002	8	\$6,915.26		20	\$3,308.14	\$111.90		
Aug., 2002	12	\$11,943.66		24	\$4,010.98	\$47.33		
Sept., 2002	6	\$1,944.83		19	\$4,624.36	\$85.25		
Oct., 2002	24	\$12,167.99		25	\$7,131.20	\$442.95		
Nov., 2002	21	\$11,013.41		27	\$8,688.51	\$624.99		
Dec., 2002	32	\$15,763.99		23	\$7,660.18	\$689.95		

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
CURRENT MONTH
08/01/2003 TO 08/31/2003

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	13	\$5,229.98
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	1	\$25.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	13	\$5,254.98
PAYMENTS	13	\$2,527.22-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	0	\$0.00
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	2	\$55.00-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	1	\$524.54-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	1	\$25.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	6	\$126.78-
OVERPAYMENTS	1	\$0.48
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	0	\$0.00
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	0	\$0.00

FOOTNOTE:		
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
07/01/2003 TO 08/31/2003

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	20	\$6,947.88
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	2	\$50.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	20	\$6,997.88
PAYMENTS	26	\$5,523.80-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	0	\$0.00
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	5	\$431.19-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	2	\$579.76-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	4	\$100.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	8	\$157.05-
OVERPAYMENTS	2	\$0.67
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	1	\$25.00
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	1	\$1,500.00-
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	1	\$524.54-

FOOTNOTE:		
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
 INCEPTION TO DATE
 08/31/2003

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	4,655	\$3,240,560.48
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	378	\$10,000.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	331	\$269,865.45-
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	138	\$58,209.82
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	4,655	\$3,038,904.85
PAYMENTS	3,151	\$697,831.29-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	33	\$8,624.04-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	83	\$31,990.01-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	29	\$24,025.98-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	201	\$5,225.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	2,202	\$261,669.33-
OVERPAYMENTS	130	\$95.88
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	65	\$11,862.86
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	17	\$44,255.65-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	5	\$6,780.54
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	8	\$45,896.70
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$61.75
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	3	\$55.00
CREDITS	13	\$10.22-
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	21	\$6,881.15
CREDITS	65	\$38,561.90-
WRITE-OFFS	1,059	\$1,481,610.54-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	7	\$1,794.95-
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	31	\$21,074.58-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	91	\$169,056.29-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	1	\$2,134.47-
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	2	\$559.32-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	1	\$524.54-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	2	\$6,680.98-
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** TOTAL OUTSTANDING	268	\$314,909.64

 FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	38	\$106,941.70 *
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AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN	0	\$0.00
1 - 30 DAYS	2	\$639.40
31 - 60 DAYS	8	\$4,109.65
61 - 90 DAYS	6	\$445.30
91 - 120 DAYS	8	\$3,701.45
121 - 150 DAYS	5	\$10,424.15
151 - 180 DAYS	2	\$3,227.50
181 - 365 DAYS	21	\$13,914.30
OVER ONE YEAR	64	\$63,930.12
OVER TWO YEARS	121	\$101,127.47
OVER THREE YEARS	942	\$660,469.30

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** TOTAL AGING 1,179 \$861,988.64

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:

CAN NOT BE INVOICED	0	\$0.00
CURRENT	12	\$5,054.98
1 - 30 DAYS	4	\$2,776.91
31 - 90 DAYS	10	\$5,959.87
91 - 180 DAYS	24	\$10,708.63
181 - 365 DAYS	49	\$33,212.86
OVER ONE YEAR	73	\$88,113.20

COLLECTIONS WITH PRIVATE COLLECTIONS FIRM:

1 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	92	\$86,274.03

AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:

1 - 180 DAYS	1	\$549.54
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	3	\$82,259.62

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
CURRENT MONTH
08/01/2003-08/31/2003

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	683	\$39,000.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	338	\$8,925.00
CREDITS	2	\$50.00-
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	187	\$1,447.50
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
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TOTAL DUE		\$49,322.50

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PAID IN FULL	598	\$36,437.50-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	17	\$840.00-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	0	\$0.00
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	0	\$0.00
DEPT OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS	0	\$0.00
DEPT OF REVENUE FEES	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
OVERPAYMENTS	5	\$112.50
REFUNDS	4	\$90.00
RETURNED CHECKS	2	\$100.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	2	\$40.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	11	\$550.00-
NOT GUILTY	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	1	\$50.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	1	\$50.00-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
07/01/2003-08/31/2003

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	1,811	\$102,255.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	953	\$24,957.50
CREDITS	6	\$225.00-
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	282	\$2,173.75
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
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TOTAL DUE		\$129,161.25

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PAID IN FULL	1,499	\$88,961.00-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	34	\$1,815.00-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	0	\$0.00
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	0	\$0.00
DEPT OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS	2	\$77.00-
DEPT OF REVENUE FEES	2	\$8.00-
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
OVERPAYMENTS	8	\$119.50
REFUNDS	11	\$222.50
RETURNED CHECKS	2	\$100.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	2	\$40.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	2	\$150.00
CREDITS	3	\$100.00-
VOIDS	26	\$1,350.00-
NOT GUILTY	7	\$400.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	5	\$350.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	1	\$50.00-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
INCEPTION TO DATE
08/31/2003

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	109,214	\$5,604,007.07
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	28,904	\$725,695.30
CREDITS	7	\$11,041.00-
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	970	\$7,448.25
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
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TOTAL DUE		\$6,326,109.62

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PAID IN FULL	65,415	\$3,486,963.49-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	1,650	\$76,783.75-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	14	\$690.00-
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	33	\$345.00-
DEPT OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS	28	\$1,745.00-
DEPT OF REVENUE FEES	28	\$112.00-
WRITE-OFFS	11,956	\$697,602.50-
OVERPAYMENTS	191	\$4,225.78
REFUNDS	356	\$15,770.31
RETURNED CHECKS	75	\$3,925.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	72	\$1,155.00
CREDITS	170	\$141.88-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	246	\$14,500.00
CREDITS	44	\$2,500.00-
VOIDS	5,652	\$284,350.00-
NOT GUILTY	1,217	\$61,900.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	223	\$11,550.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	12	\$600.00-
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	158	\$7,950.00-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00
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TOTAL OUTSTANDING		\$1,732,452.09

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:

CURRENT	424	\$24,500.00
1 - 30 DAYS	690	\$38,620.00
31 - 90 DAYS	1,101	\$65,270.00
91 - 180 DAYS	997	\$71,925.00
181 - 365 DAYS	886	\$73,795.00
OVER ONE YEAR	20,390	\$1,445,183.09

COLLECTIONS WITH DEPT OF REVENUE:

1 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	173	\$12,934.00

AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:

1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	3	\$225.00

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** TOTAL AGING	24,664	\$1,732,452.09
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AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE

PREHEARING	2,059	\$116,765.00
0 - 90 DAYS	1,252	\$90,025.00
91 - 180 DAYS	212	\$18,225.00
181 - 270 DAYS	270	\$23,620.00
271 - 365 DAYS	1,265	\$98,510.00
OVER ONE YEAR	19,606	\$1,385,307.09

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Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NEWS RELEASE

James H. Jenkins Jr.
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CONTACT
225/765-2925

2003-258

8/26/03

AGENDA SET FOR SEPTEMBER COMMISSION MEETING

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EDITORS: For more information, contact Thomas Gresham at 225/765-2923
(gresham_tp@wlf.state.la.us).

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From: Terry Denmon

Fax #: 318-361-5036

Subject: Agenda

Date: August 25, 2003

Pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

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OK
JD
8.25.03

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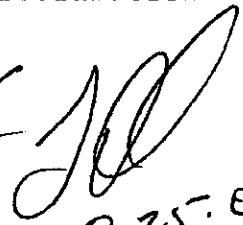
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Susan:
I have no inland fish items for the September Commission meeting agenda.
Thanks

C. John Russell

Brandt

Hawkins, Susan

From: Roussel, John E
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2003 8:29 AM
To: Foote, Karen
Cc: Hawkins, Susan; Porch, Pat; Abbott, Janet; Guillory, Vince; Bourgeois, Martin
Subject: RE: Commission Agenda item- September Marine Fisheries

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Hawkins, Susan

From: Burke, Marianne
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2003 9:45 AM
To: Hawkins, Susan
Cc: Gresham, Thomas; Collins, Janice
Subject: RE: National Hunting & Fishing Day Proclamation

September. Thanks.

From: Hawkins, Susan
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2003 7:38 AM
To: Burke, Marianne
Subject: National Hunting & Fishing Day Proclamation

Marianne, in looking at last year's August Commission Meeting agenda, you presented the Proclamation for National Hunting & Fishing Day. Do we need to include that item on the agenda for August or would September be better?

Thanks,
Susan Hawkins

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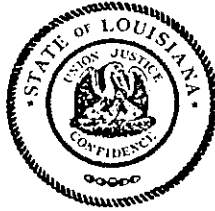
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